

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## TRIBUTE TO THOMAS W. READY

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 7, 2001*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to congratulate a remarkable gentleman, Thomas W. Ready, for his outstanding leadership and dedication to his country and the State of Colorado. Tom is a long time resident of Pueblo, Colorado, where his hard work and vision have taken the GOP to new heights in the community. What's more, Tom has had an outstanding career as a Dentist in the Pueblo area, a career that is now coming to a close. Tom's contributions to the citizens of Colorado are great in number and deserve the recognition of Congress.

Tom is a wonderful model of the ideal citizen. Tom was born in Pueblo, Colorado in 1944, where he spent his formative years. Tom attended college at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, and later pursued his graduate work at the Washington University School of Dentistry in St. Louis, Missouri. After graduating with a degree in dentistry in 1970, Tom was drafted into the United States Army and assigned to the Army Dental Corp at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. While serving his country in the military, Tom had the opportunity to represent South Carolina at the 1972 Republican National Convention in Miami.

Tom has not only had an exceptional career in the Armed Services, but he's also been highly active in his community. After obtaining the rank of Major, he returned to Colorado and set up a private dental practice in Pueblo. Later, he started a longhorn ranch just up the road from Pueblo in Beulah. In Colorado, Tom remained active in the Republican Party, where he became precinct chairman for the Republican Party in Beulah. Tom has continued to be a prominent force in the Republican Party ever since, working on numerous Republican campaigns and holding an array of positions. He's been the Chairman of the 3rd Congressional District several times, as well as Vice Chairman, Treasurer and a member of the State Executive Committee. He was elected Chairman of the Pueblo County GOP where he's served with great distinction the last 10 years.

When Tom began as Chairman of Pueblo County, the party was troubled with debt and facing a countywide Democratic advantage of 3.5 to 1. Under Thomas' tutelage, the Party has brought its fiscal house in order and 3 of 5 Representatives in the area are currently Republican. The success of the GOP is in no small way attributable to Tom's hard work.

In July of 2000, Governor Bill Owens appointed Tom to the Colorado State Parks Board. In addition, Tom currently serves as the campaign Treasurer for my friend U.S. Senator BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL.

For all these reasons, and many more, Tom deserves the commendation of this body. It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say thank you to Tom for his dedication and service to his community over the years and congratulate him on an outstanding career. He has worked hard for our community and for our great state.

## REINTRODUCTION OF THE "CODE OF ELECTION ETHICS"

**HON. JOHN ELIAS BALDACCI**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 7, 2001*

Mr. BALDACCI. Mr. Speaker, most campaign reform efforts are focused on the financing aspect. This is an important issue, and I am a strong proponent of moving forward with meaningful campaign finance reform. However, while the American people are tired of the abuses in our campaign finance system, they are equally tired of the negative campaigns that seem to have become the norm. I strongly believe that the tone and content of campaigns has an impact on public trust in government and citizen participation in the electoral process.

For that reason, I am reintroducing legislation that would encourage congressional candidates to abide by a "Code of Election Ethics." It is based on the Maine Code of Election Conduct, which was developed in 1995 at the Margaret Chase Smith Library in Skowhegan, Maine with the assistance of the Institute for Global Ethics. In the past three elections, most Maine candidates for Congress and Governor have signed a Code, pledging to conduct "honest, fair, respectful, responsible and compassionate" campaigns. The Code has worked well, and Maine voters have benefited from generally positive issue-based campaigns. Maine's voter participation rates consistently have been among the highest in the nation.

Similar Codes have been used in other states, including Washington and Ohio. My legislation would make the Code available to candidates nationwide and would require the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate to make public the names of candidates who have agreed to the Code. The Code of Election Ethics will serve as a reminder to candidates, and provide the public with a yardstick by which to measure candidates' performance.

Something must be done to enhance people's confidence in government and faith in our democracy. I believe this bill is a step in the right direction, and I hope that many of you will add your support to this effort to improve the quality of congressional campaigns.

## TRIBUTE TO VERNON COX

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 7, 2001*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Vernon Cox. Mr. Cox was born in Kansas City, Kansas, in 1928, and passed away on January 14, 2001, in Kentfield, California.

Essentially a quadriplegic for much of his adulthood, he devoted his own life to improve the lives of the poor, the sick, the disabled. He worked for greater economic opportunities for minorities. As a member of the Marin County Human Rights Commission, he fought to eliminate bigotry. He also added his most influential voice to protect our environment and was one of the founders of the environmental education program at the College of Marin.

As a co-founder of the Marin Center for Independent Living Mr. Cox was instrumental in providing housing, employment, access to public transportation, and recreation for the disabled, and served on the Golden Gate Bridge District's Disabled Access Committee. He advocated for employment opportunities for women, minorities, and other groups as a member of the Marin County Affirmative Action Advisory Committee. He served on a seemingly endless number of commissions, committees, panels, and boards, and all from his wheelchair.

Mr. Speaker, we have lost a great man. We have lost an irreplaceable member of our community. He will be sorely missed by all of us who value the dignity of every individual and cherish the diversity of our great nation. Vernon Cox was a true hero.

## TRIBUTE TO STANLEY L. DODSON

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 7, 2001*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize a remarkable citizen, Stanley L. Dodson, for his continued dedication to the people of Colorado. Stanley is being honored by Glenwood Chamber Resort as their 2001 Citizen of the Year. Stanley has had a long and distinguished career and it is obvious why he is receiving this honor. Stanley's contributions to the citizens of Colorado are great in number and deserve the recognition of Congress.

Stanley is a great role model and an outstanding citizen. Stanley has not only had an exceptional career in the engineering field, but he's also been highly active in his community. Stanley started his career after graduating from the University of Colorado at Boulder

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with a degree in Civil Engineering and Business Administration in 1941. During his college years, Stanley became the formidable leader that has won him recognition today. Stanley has always had the gift of leadership, from his time as senior class high school president and valedictorian to president of the PI Kappa fraternity to holding numerous board positions.

Most significantly, Stanley also served his country during World War II. In 1942, he was commissioned as an officer in the United States Naval Reserves, where he was able to further his education in engineering at numerous training schools. After serving his country with distinction, Stanley focused his energies and efforts on working for the Colorado State Highway Commission. Appointed by Governor Love in 1965, he later became Chairman of the Commission in 1973. During his career, he was a model of service, focusing his time and personal resources on the betterment of his state and community.

Stanley is a pillar of the Glenwood Springs community. His accomplished career addressing the transportation issues of the State of Colorado over the past 55 years has earned him the honor Citizen of the Year. Beyond his important work in the transportation sector, Stanley is also being honored for his great work on various local causes. Stanley has won numerous awards acknowledging his commitment to the community. In 1991, the Alumni Association of the University of Colorado at Boulder gave Stanley the "Alumni Recognition Award." In that same year, the Glenwood Springs Chamber Resort Association honored him with its first "Lifetime Achievement Award". For all these reasons, and many more, Stanley deserves the commendation of this body.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say thank you to Stanley for his dedication and service to his community over the years and congratulate him on an outstanding career and on this distinguished honor. He has worked hard for our community and for our great state. He is clearly deserving of the honor of being named Citizen of the Year.

Stanley, we are all very proud of you and grateful for your service.

IN HONOR OF VERA GILLIS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 7, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a woman from my home State of Ohio who in many ways exemplifies the qualities of our greatest citizens. On March 11, Vera Gillis will celebrate her 70th birthday. Throughout her life, Vera Gillis has served as an example of how hard work can touch the lives of others.

To say Vera Gillis is still going strong would be an understatement. This year, Vera will run her church's rummage sale and tutor numerous students from overseas. Vera Gillis also exemplifies compassion as she brings the Eucharist to those who aren't able to attend Mass every week. This year, she will welcome

home her children who will come from as far away as Maine, Massachusetts, California, Florida, Washington, D.C. and Belgium to celebrate her birthday.

Throughout her life, Vera has consistently worked to make day-to-day life more meaningful and enriching by bringing people together with her overwhelming enthusiasm and wonderful sense of humor. She has served as the unofficial neighborhood ambassador since the early 1960s when her growing family moved to Westlake. Vera made sure everyone knew each other, even if it was just getting together at her house for an annual Christmas party. Now a grandmother of six, Vera has always made her home a special place for children. Not only did she teach Spanish gratis to the students at Holy Trinity Elementary School, she also taught the neighborhood kids how to swim, go Christmas caroling and even put on musical shows.

She has been a steadfast and dear companion to her ever-growing circle of close friends. As an active member of Holy Trinity Church and its affiliated school in Avon, Ohio, Vera has contributed much more than even the 20 years of playground duty would indicate. Despite the many changes and the enormous growth in Westlake and Avon as suburbs, one of the constants has been the sense of community that results when people like Vera live there. Always quick to share a smile or kind words, Vera Gillis has helped to bring her community together.

One of Vera Gillis' most notable achievements has been her dedication to teaching English as a Second Language and American Citizenship classes. Her never-ending patience and enjoyment in bringing people from such diverse countries as Denmark, Poland, and Japan together is truly remarkable. Rather than just instructing people in the English language or American history, she shows people how to be neighbors, friends, and citizens. I would like to thank Vera for her commitment and service to the people of the State of Ohio. My fellow colleagues, please join me in wishing Vera Gillis a very happy 70th birthday.

100 YEARS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT—  
A CELEBRATION OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. SHERWOOD L. BOEHLERT**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 7, 2001*

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, last night I had the honor to participate in the celebration of the 100th birthday of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). As I noted in my remarks at the event, NIST was one of the very first and one of the most important actions Congress took at the beginning of the 20th Century.

NIST was established to help bring rationality to the profusion of standards that were plaguing this country at the turn of the last century. As to its future, it could be anything from looking at the molecular structure of ceramics or the security of our computers or

guidance to a small manufacturer on how to update operations. We are indebted to NIST for what it has done in the past as I am sure we will be for what it provides us in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I doubt that very many people are aware of NIST, its history and its importance to the nation. Since I touched on many of these points in my address last night, I insert the full text of my remarks for the information of my colleagues at this point in the RECORD.

STATEMENT ON NIST ANNIVERSARY, MARCH 6, 2001

It's a delight and a privilege to join with you this evening to celebrate the 100th birthday of the National Institute of Standards and Technology. And I have to say that the timing of this event is auspicious for me, in particular. It's great to be assuming the chairmanship of the House Science Committee as NIST is celebrating its centenary because the existence of NIST is concrete proof that Congress can get some things right when it comes to science and technology policy.

Establishing NIST was one the very first and one of the most important actions Congress took at the dawn of the 20th Century—a century that was to see technology and standardization change our world as never before. And we are still reaping the rewards of that foresight as we begin the 21st Century.

I have to note, though, that while NIST is richly deserving of tonight's gala; the festivities are a little out of character for NIST, which from the start has gone about its business in an unassuming, even inconspicuous way. Even the law that created the laboratory didn't have a name—it was known by the rather plain and workaday designation, "the Act of March 3, 1901"—a date that has lived in neither infamy nor fame, a date that no schoolchild has been forced to memorize.

Given NIST's "nose-to-the-grindstone" work ethic, its stream of consistent productivity without fanfare, its focus on the essential but largely invisible foundations of modern technology, one might think that a good title for a history of NIST's first century would be "One Hundred Years of Solitude."

But how extraordinarily misleading that would be—because the actual secret of NIST's success has been its "partnerships"—partnerships with the private sector, partnerships with other federal agencies and laboratories, partnerships with state and local governments. NIST is well known to the people who keep our economy healthy, and it's NIST's ability to work with just about anybody that has kept it fresh, vital and valuable—as fundamental a key to American prosperity as it was the day it was created.

NIST is a worthy and needed partner because its mission is problem-solving. NIST was established to help bring rationality to the profusion of standards that were afflicting the United States at the turn of the last century—a profusion that could have tragic consequences when, for example, major fires could not be extinguished because of varying standards for hoses and hydrants. And that problem-solving ethos has been maintained to this very day—whether NIST is probing abstruse questions about the molecular structure of ceramics, or helping to ensure the security of our computers, or providing guidance to a small manufacturer on how to update his operations through the Manufacturing Extension Program.

And we also still draw on NIST's expertise to solve problems that are endemic to the